

**STATE OF MICHIGAN
2006 WINTER FREE FISHING WEEKEND EVENTS
FEBRUARY 18 & 19 ONLY**

**NO FISHING LICENSE REQUIRED, BUT ALL FISHING REGULATIONS STILL APPLY
NO MOTOR VEHICLE PERMITS WILL BE REQUIRED FOR ENTRY TO STATE PARKS AND RECREATION AREAS**

LOCATION	DATE	TIME	ADDITIONAL INFO	DESCRIPTION OF EVENTS
Bay County Bay City State Rec. Area, Saginaw Bay Visitor Center	Saturday - Feb 18	9:00am – 6:00pm	Valerie Blaschka Michigan Department of Natural Resources' 989-667-1894 / Saginaw Bay Visitor Center at 989-667-0717	Free youth ice fishing clinic for kids 15 and under from 9:00am – Noon. Construct a fishing pole, learn how to rig it, and make a lure. Ice fishing derby from 10:00am -1:30pm. No entry fee. Free bait, loaner poles, and refreshments. Holes pre-drilled for kids. The Winter Festival also includes other events for the entire family including a candle light walk/ski at dusk.
Mackinac County The Curtis Winter Carnival on South Manistique Lake	Saturday - Feb 18	9:30am – 4:00pm	Bonnie Gollette Curtis Fish Coop 906-586-3368	Youth fishing derby for kids 14 and under from 9:30am – 4:00pm. Fishing poles and bait will be furnished, and prizes will be awarded. The adult fishing derby will be at 4:00pm. There will be an entry fee for both derbies. The Winter Carnival offers a list of events that your family is sure to enjoy!
Missaukee County Annual Lake City Ice Fishing Contest Missaukee Lake	February 18 & 19	Sat 8:00am – 5:30pm Sun 8:00am – 4:00pm	Michele 231-839-4875 Michele's Lake City Sport Shop	Free fishing contest for kids 12 and younger with prizes awarded Sunday at 4:00pm. Anglers 13 and older must be registered by noon on 2/18. Registration fees are \$10.00 for kids 13 – 17, and \$15.00 for those 18 and older. Contest is open to amateurs only. Additional contest rules are available at Michele's Lake City Sport Shop.
Ogemaw County Rifle River Recreation Area – Grousehaven Lake - Boat Launch.	Saturday - Feb 18	10:00am – 2:00pm	Steve Krantz or Lori Ruff 989-473-2258 Rifle River Recreation Area	From 10:00am – 2:00pm anglers will be introduced to ice fishing tips and techniques. Bring your ice fishing gear, bait will be provided. Ice skating and sledding will also be available. A cross-country ski and snowshoe trail hike will take place at 11:00am and 1:00pm. There will be a bonfire and refreshments will be included. Meet at the boat launch.

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Roscommon County Winterfest Higgins Lake	Saturday - Feb 18	8:00am - 4:00pm	Lois Byrd or Mandi Sharrow 989-275-8760 Higgins Lake- Roscommon Chamber of Commerce	Fishing contest - \$5.00 entry fee for adults. Free for kids 16 and under when accompanied by an adult. Bring your own fishing poles and bait. Prizes and refreshments will be included. Winterfest offers a variety of events that will provide fun for the entire family. All events this year will take place around Higgins Lake.
St. Clair County Fair Haven - Anchor Bay	Sunday - Feb 19	9:00am - 2:00pm	Mark Tews 586-557-3767 Lake St. Clair Walleye Association and Algonac Downriver Recreation Department.	No pre-registration. Fishing derby for anglers 18 and under. Younger anglers must be accompanied by an adult. Fishing poles will be available. Bait furnished if needed. Prizes and refreshments included.